

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order: CHAIRMAN RICK LAIBLE**, on January 14, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Rick Laible, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Gary Branae (D)  
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Dan McGee (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Russell Bean (R)  
Rep. Paul Beck (D)  
Rep. Joel Boniek, (R)  
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)  
Rep. Dee Brown (R)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Edith McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)  
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Edward Butcher (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch  
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Joint Committee Business Summary:**

Presentation by Various Agencies

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 165, 1/8/2009

Executive Action: None

**JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEES**

00:00:01 Chairman Laible  
00:04:11 Chairwoman Grinde  
00:04:25 Barb Riley, Montana School Boards Association

**EXHIBIT(eds08a01)**

00:05:45 Chairman Laible  
00:06:25 Steve Meloy, Montana Board of Public Education (BPE)  
00:33:21 Chairman Laible  
00:33:44 Chairwoman Grinde  
00:33:58 Denise Juneau, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)  
00:44:08 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**EXHIBIT(eds08a02)**

01:03:41 Chairwoman Grinde  
01:04:05 Sen. Brown  
01:04:21 Madalyn Quinlan (OPI)  
01:04:40 Chairwoman Grinde  
01:05:05 Chairman Laible  
01:05:40 Chairwoman Grinde ended the joint meeting of the House  
and Senate Education Committees. House Education  
Committee was adjourned.

01:05:51 Recess  
01:12:56 Reconvene

01:13:27 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

**EXHIBIT(eds08a03)**

01:20:22 Chairman Laible  
01:20:32 Eric Feaver  
01:21:19 Chairman Laible  
01:21:28 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education

**EXHIBIT(eds08a04)**

01:25:58 Mary Sheehy Moe, Office of the Commissioner of Higher  
Education  
01:28:46 Chairman Laible  
01:29:03 Mitch Jessen, Student Member of the Board of Regents  
01:29:29 Chairman Laible

**HEARING ON SB 165**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:30:07 SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 165, Revise school budget timelines.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:31:11 Rachel Vielleux, Missoula County Superintendent of Schools

01:32:17 Lynda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business Officials MASBO)

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds08a05)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:34:16 Denise Ulberg, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds08a06)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:37:45 Sen. Zinke  
01:37:58 Sen. Lewis  
01:38:10 Sen. Zinke  
01:38:18 Sen. Lewis  
01:39:04 Sen. Hawks  
01:39:24 Sen. Lewis  
01:39:41 Sen McGee  
01:40:19 Sen. Lewis  
01:40:38 Sen. Hamlett  
01:41:07 Sen. Lewis  
01:41:53 Rachel Vielleux  
01:42:14 Sen. Ripley  
01:42:45 Sen. Lewis  
01:43:03 Chairman Laible  
01:43:10 Denise Ulberg  
01:43:29 Chairman Laible  
01:43:41 Sen. Lewis

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:44:37 Sen. Lewis

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:47 P.M.

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NADINE SPENCER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([eds08aad.pdf](#))**